

REMARKS:

Applicant has carefully considered the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment, mailed January 30, 2004. Reconsideration of the application in view of the present response is respectfully requested.

The amendment filed on January 13, 2004 was stated to be non-compliant because claims 6, 7 and 8 were not provided with a proper status identifier. A copy of the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment is attached hereto.

Claims 6, 7 and 8 have now been amended to provide a proper status identifier. Only the "IN THE CLAIMS" section is resubmitted herewith, as requested in the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment. Applicant contends that this Amendment fully responds to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number if it is felt that the prosecution of this application may be expedited thereby.

Respectfully submitted,

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